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SUBJECT: NDP STATEMENT ON KOREAN SECURITY

1. ON MAY 3, SECRETARY TO YI CH'OL-SUNG, CHAIRMAN OF OPPOSITION NDP,
CALLED AT EMBASSY AND LEFT ENGLISH TEXT OF PARTY'S "SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE

CONCERNING SECURITY AND UNIFICATION IN KOREA", DATED MAY 1, 1978,
SECRETARY ASKED THAT TEXT OR SUMMARY OF STATEMENT BE FORWARDED
TO DEPARTMENT, AND CHAIRMAN YI HIMSELF MENTIONED STATEMENT ALSO,
IN COURSE OF TELEPHONE CALL TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEE MAY 4.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: WE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY FEEL IT URGENT TO MAKE
OUR STAND CLEAR AGAIN ON KOREAN SECURITY PROBLEMS IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT SITUATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTS PERTAINING TO SECURITY
IN KOREAN PENINSULA HAVE NOT CHANGED FAVORABLY FOR SECURING PEACE
IN THIS AREA DESPITE OF THE PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER'S SPECIAL
COMMUNIQUE, APRIL 21, WHICH SOMEWHAT MODIFIED HIS PREVIOUS
PLICY OF WITHDRAWING AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS ON A PHASED BASIS
FROM SOUTH KOREA;

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AND IN VIEW OF OUR GRAVE CONCERN IN REGARD TO SO-CALLED
TRIPARTITE TALKS BETWEEN SOUTH, NORTH KOREA AND THE U.S.,
THE POSSIBILITY OF WHICH WAS PUBLICLY AIRED BY SEPARATE
VISITS OF PRESIDENTS TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA AND CEAUSESCU OF ROMANIA,
TO THE U.S.

1) WE REMIND GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH ROK AND THE U.S.,

OF ITEM NO. 5 OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF ROK-U.S. SECURITY CONFERENCE WHICH READS: "VARIOUS PLANS OF COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES MUST BE IMPLEMENTED IN PRECEDENCE OF, OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL", WE ALSO URGE STRONGLY BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN TWO PARTIES TO CONSULT, COORDINATE AND EVALUATE JOINTLY THE SECURITY AND PROGRESS SITUATIONS OF THE ROK MILITARY STRENGTH IN EACH STEP OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

2) IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WELCOME AMENDMENT TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON APRIL 26, 1978 AND WE URGE THE U.S. CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

3) WE REQUEST PRESIDENT CARTER TO CLARIFY HIS STAND MORE CLEARLY WHETHER SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE MODIFYING HIS PREVIOUS PLAN OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL WAS REALLY MEANT TO REASSESS HIS PLAN ITSELF BASED ON THE REALISTIC PERCEPTION OF SITUATIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA OR IT WAS MERELY A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF AGREED ITEMS IN ROK-U.S. SECURITY CONFERENCE, AND AT THE SAME TIME WE REQUEST THAT ANY CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY CONCERNING SECURITY IN KOREA MUST BE CARRIED OUT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

4) KOREAN GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE MODIFICATION OF THE U.S. MILITARY POLICY TOWARD SOUTH KOREA
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AND ASSESSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMUNIQUE AS "REALISTIC AND RATIONALISTIC." BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE ROK GOVERNMENT WAS NOTIFIED UNILATERALLY WITHOUT BEING CONSULTED IN ADVANCE SUCH IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGES AS HAVING DIRECT IMPACT ON KOREA. WE DEPLORE THE WEAK-KNEED ATTITUDE AND DIPLOMATIC POWERLESSNESS OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

5) PEACE SETTLEMENT IN KOREAN PENINSULA IS POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH THE MEANS OF TERMINATING WAR STATE AND THIS MUST BE PRECEDED BY COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES IN MILITARY, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS. WE CONSIDER SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA AS MOST DESIREABLE TO SOLVE KOREAN QUESTION AND PROPOSE A CONFERENCE OF SIX CONCERNED PARTIES THAT IS, TWO KOREA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA, SOVIET UNION.

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6) IN CONCLUSION, WE REQUEST STATIONING OF THE U.S.
GROUND TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA UNTIL STRUCTURE FOR PEACE
BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN THIS PENINSULA AND WE REQUEST THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT ONCE AGAIN TO REMOVE THE TIME-LIMITS OF 4-5 YEARS
FROM ITS POLICY OF PULLING OUT GROUND TROOPS. END TEXT.
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